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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51(b), 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
(NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS ONLY)**

All of the documents identified on the accompanying PTO-1449 were mentioned in a search report received from the German Patent and Trademark Office with regard to a corresponding German patent application. The documents are in the English language and the relevancy thereof is self-evident. As an additional comment, the documents all describe the general structure of sensors and their arrangement in systems for checking documents of value.

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STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

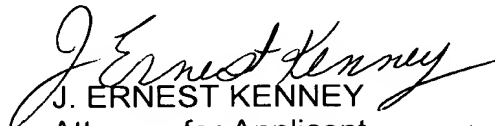
An English language abstract only is provided of EP 0 675 466. A complete copy of the document in English is not available to Applicants' attorney.

STATEMENT OF TIMELINESS

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted within three months of (i) the filing date of the above-identified U.S. National Patent application, or (ii) the date of entry into the U.S. National Stage of the above-identified International Application, or (iii) the date of entry into the U.S. National Stage of the International Application that has been assigned the above-identified U.S. Patent application number, whichever applies.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Respectfully submitted,
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